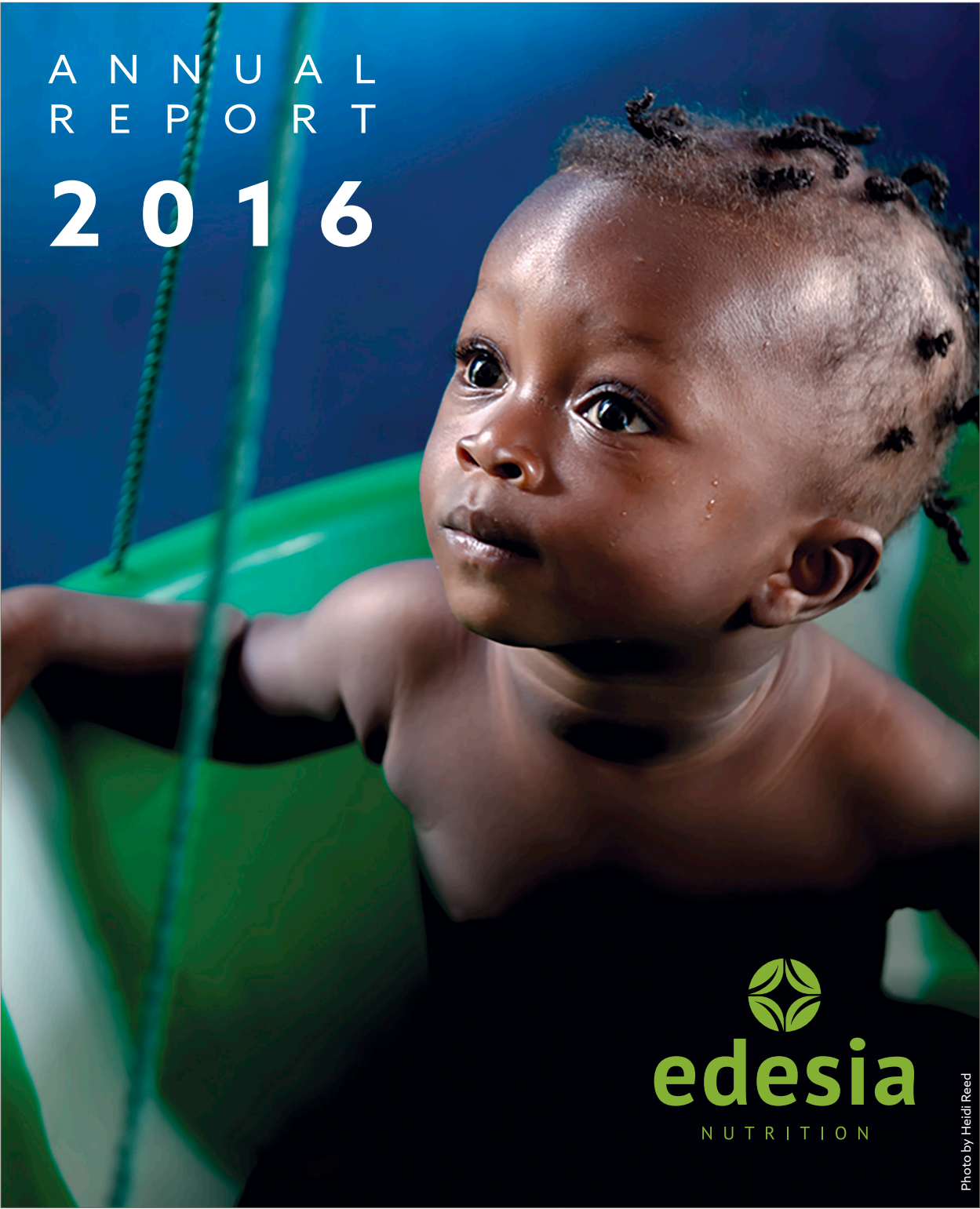


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Thanks to the generous support of our donors, combined with continuous and growing demand from our humanitarian partners, in 2016, Edesia successfully launched its new facility and offices in North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The moment was officially marked by a well-attended ribbon cutting ceremony in early May.



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Edesia's Mission

Edesia's mission is to help treat and prevent malnutrition in the world's most vulnerable populations.

Edesia's Mandates

MANUFACTURE: Supply humanitarian actors with the highest quality ready-to-use therapeutic and supplementary foods.

INNOVATE: Research and develop new nutritional solutions and ideas that further reduce global malnutrition rates.

PARTICIPATE: Advocate for policies that specifically target malnutrition; promote the power of the social enterprise business model to solve global health challenges.

COLLABORATE: Ensure sustainability of ready-to-use food production worldwide by lending support to manufacturers in developing countries.

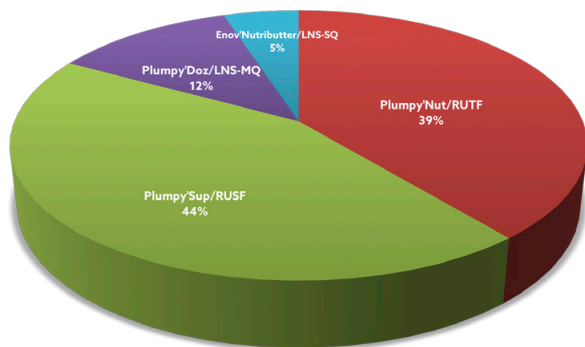
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Edesia's transformational foods reached nearly 1 million malnourished children in 2016.

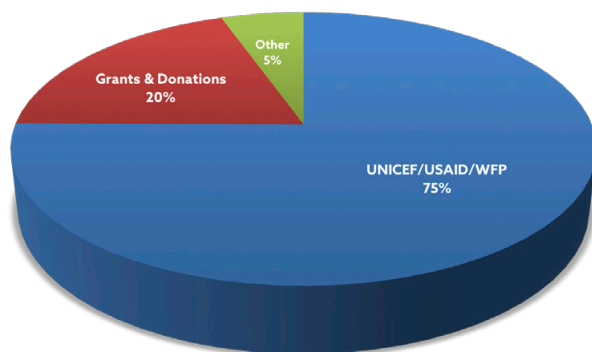


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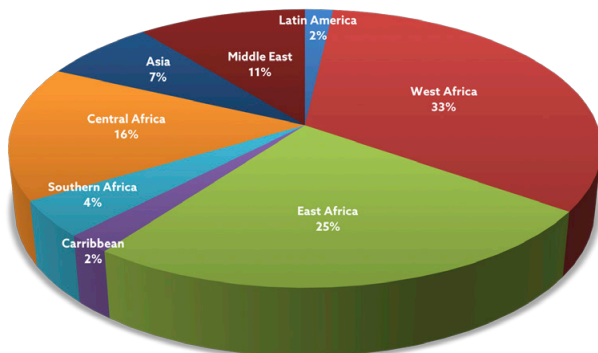
Breakdown of Shipments by Product



Funding Sources



Distribution of Shipments by Region



Scaled-up operations at the new facility helped produce supplies of lifesaving ready-to-use therapeutic and supplementary foods for malnourished children living in the following countries:

Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Kenya, Laos, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Togo, and Zambia.



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A Mother's Infinite Love

by Navyn Salem, Edesia Founder and CEO

"I love you to the moon and back," is something I say to my daughters before they go to sleep. The old but never worn-out expression speaks to that incredible, indescribable, and universal feeling of love that knows no bounds and reaches far beyond the stars.

In the spring of 2016 I traveled to Liberia in West Africa to visit rural clinics where the therapeutic ready-to-use foods we make in Rhode Island go by land and sea. In one clinic, I witnessed a mother with a sick baby on her back seeking help because her breast milk had dried up and there wasn't enough love in the world to keep her baby alive, perhaps for one more day.

When I first saw this mother and child, my heart stopped. They both looked so tiny. To reach the clinic, the mother had walked for miles in dusty and worn-out flip flops. "How about this mother and baby?" I asked the nutrition officer, feeling a sense of urgency to speak up. "I think they need help first."

And so the two went to the front of the line. The baby girl, nearly as weightless as a baby bird, was unwrapped from her mother's cloth, weighed, and measured. The suspected diagnosis confirmed: severe acute malnutrition.

The mother was 19 years old. Surprise, her seven-month old baby girl, weighed only seven pounds. As Surprice sat in her mother's lap and ate the first bites of Plumpy'Nut®, the first taste of complex nourishment she'd had in her life, she changed. Her heaving chest, gasping for air and life, started to relax. Her eyes got brighter. As she looked around wide-eyed at all of the people surrounding her, we smiled back, because we knew she was one of the lucky ones. She was going to make it.

Severe acute malnutrition is devastating the lives of over 17 million young children and their families worldwide. None have a voice to say: "I need help. This can't wait." Plumpy'Nut®, the miracle cure first invented by Nutriset in France, is in desperate demand worldwide. With relentless optimism, I have devoted my life to speaking up for this cause and these vulnerable children and putting actions behind my words.

Edesia means the world to malnourished children because we shine the light on their plight while we also provide them with a real-world solution. With each donation, we can make more Plumpy'Nut® than ever before. This means more relief and hope for another loving mother who right now, as you read these words, is walking alone for miles in flip flops to save the life of her child.